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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-17, 19-33 and 35 are allowed.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Eliashberg et al. do not teach a virtual stress oven for stress testing a plurality of modules that includes two or more logical groups of modules loaded into the stress oven, two or more test equipments, a controller connected to the test equipments, an optical noise source, a coupler coupling the test signal and the optical noise signal to generate a noise loaded signal, a variable optical attenuator coupled between the noise source and the coupler having a control input from the controller, which receives results of the active test and adjusts an optical signal-to-noise ratio of the noise-loaded signal by controlling the attenuator and where the noise loaded signal is supplied to the logical group of modules, as shown in claims 1 and 20.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Manuel L. Barbee whose telephone number is 571-272-2212. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8-4:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marc S. Hoff can be reached on 571-272-2216. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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